

# The Concrete Herald

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By The Over-time Editor

MEBODY ALWAYS is saying one shouldn't worry about little things, the same being the case of time when there are any big things that deserve attention. How wrong they are! I have been our experience the big things you worry about never come off quite as bad as the amount of worrying put them. Besides the big problems generally arrive unannounced and don't give you the promise to worry them into proportions. The little things around all the time, waiting attention, and if properly worked will eventually reach the place where you can transfer to the right place on the scale for doing something about them.

Do you really think the little things do not matter, how about the things that continually get lost? The buttons that don't activate thing twenty times the Zipper connectors that blow whole performance? Safety that fail you in emergency? The idea? Little things in life important. Who ever heard of crying about a big bank account? A shirt that fits? Shoes that don't pinch? No marriage money was ever slowed to a by a ring that was too big. Men consider kids. If more crying was done about the little things wouldn't be so many worrying about the big ones. Did you ever hear of a wife worried because her husband was too happy. Most of worrying is a thought process developed into an art by people who think their life is going too smoothly and surely something to be the matter because in anything they read, see on TV or in the movies is going sour by barrel. It is worrisome to be of the main stream.

So, if you must worry, keep it to the little things. It can be an interesting hobby and bring you lots of attention from your friends, who will ask you not to.

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## Women's Republican Club Plans Projects

The Upper Skagit Women's Republican Club met on Tuesday night, July 21st, at the home of C. McGuire. During the business session plans were made for members to work in the G. P. booth at the county fair Friday, August 14th. It was decided to hold the next picnic on August 18 at the airport park and have a potluck picnic supper. Complete plans will be announced later. Guest speakers for the evening included Ann Ross, candidate for county auditor. She gave a very interesting talk on the work of the office. Monty Schroeder, candidate for sheriff, talked on his plans for the campaign also. Roger Pederson, candidate for the legislature position, also spoke. A social hour followed. Mr. Pederson was accompanied by his wife Marsha.

## Mrs. Lida Ely Dies In Eastern Star Home

Mrs. Lida K. Ely, who was well known in this area during the 15 years she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Wortendyke at Marblemount, died last Saturday, July 25, at Forest Grove, Ore. She had been in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home there for the last year.

She was born Sept. 25, 1886, at Ridgeway, Mont. She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge of Astoria, Ore., and a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Rockport.

Besides her daughter, Ruth, she is survived by a son, Thomas Ely, of McLean, Va.; a brother, Floyd Chestnut of Longview, Wash.; four grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, July 28, from the Sultana Mortuary in Forest Grove. The Rev. Chester Falby, formerly vicar of the local Episcopal parish and now at Hillsboro, Ore., officiated.

## Pioneer Picnic Next Week In LaConner

The 66th annual meeting of the Skagit County Pioneer Association will be held next Thursday, Aug. 6, at the usual gathering place, Pioneer Park, LaConner.

Superior Court Judge Harry Follman of Mount Vernon will be the main speaker during the afternoon program. The barbecued salmon dinner, served by LaConner's Civic Garden Club, will start at 11:15 a.m. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

President William Moore will preside. The Rev. T. Earl Poindecker will give the invocation. Flag salute will be led by Boy Scout Troop 83 of LaConner. Fred Ovenell will lead group singing and Mrs. Paul Vike will play the organ as accompanist for the Skagitones.

John Conrad will give the his-  
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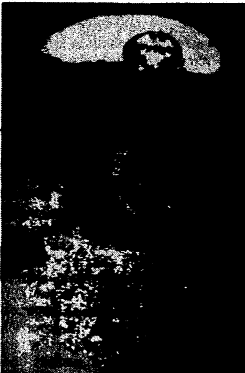
## Highway Department Firm On North Cross-State Closure To Early Traffic

The North Cross-State Highway (Highway 20) is definitely closed to all traffic and will not be open to traffic until at least 1972, according to the Washington State Highways Department. The announcement is again made from Highways personnel at the District Highways offices about motorists attempting to drive through the region.

The state's northern-most Cascades mountain pass is closed to all motor vehicles from Thunder Arm on the west side of the pass to Mazama on the east side. Because of the complexity of construction work now underway on a number of bridges and on grading and surfacing of the roadway, it is necessary to keep the highway closed.

In addition to bridge construction now underway, a contract was awarded by the Washington State Highways Department May 21, 1970, to a Spokane firm to grade, surface and pave a 9.4 mile section of Highway 20 from the Lone Fir campground east to the

## SAILS FOR SEA DUTY IN VIETNAM WATERS



ENSIGN NEIL D. OSTRANDER

Neil D. Ostrander of Newhalem received his commission as Ensign in the U. S. Navy at Newport, R. I. on May 8th. Following his advancement he reported for six weeks special schooling at Norfolk, Virginia. He was able to come home on leave, arriving here June 20th and leaving on July 18th to report for duty on the LST Hunterdon County for his first year at sea. The ship will be stationed in Viet Nam waters where it will be one of the mother ships for the 2nd Fleet.

## Wm. Karlsson Cut In Minor Accident

William Karlsson, Route 1, Concrete, received a cut on his head in a car collision last Saturday evening when he turned off Highway 20 into a driveway east of Concrete, apparently without signaling. Karlsson's truck was struck by a passing car driven by F. E. Eisezimen of Anacortes. Eisezimen's 1968 Buick sedan received \$500 damages and Karlsson's 1948 Ford flatbed truck about \$50 worth of damages.

## Action Committee Will Meet On Park Headquarters Proposal For Concrete

A delegation from the Concrete Community Action Committee, headed by Ray Drake Jr., chairman, met yesterday with Superintendent Roger Contor of the North Cascades National Park at Sedro-Woolley as a preliminary step in generating interest in Concrete as a possible site for permanent park headquarters.

Drake, Jack Crawford, Skagit County extension agent, Ray Ross and Bill Ruyle, Concrete businessmen, explored with Contor the possibility of a formal presentation. If park officials express interest, the Action Committee will prepare a full report on available sites in the Concrete area.

Members of the local committee spent the evening of July 22 discussing advantages and services which can be offered locally. They used the recently published North Cascadian Traveler's Guide as a basic list of businesses and recreational facilities in the upper valley.

Crawford, speaking at the meeting, emphasized that it is an important function of the Action Committee to act as a clearing house for all opinions and suggestions of residents and businessmen in the surrounding area. Anyone may channel ideas on town improvement to the committee by contacting Chairman Drake or Mrs. Ken Coonc, secretary.

Drake is organizing a board of directors to spearhead improvement projects; specifically a comprehensive plan for the town. Directors and committee chairmen will be announced at the August 12 meeting and a report on yesterday's conference with Park Superintendent Contor will be made at the same time.

Meetings will be held regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City-Hall with all townspeople welcome to attend. Plans are being made to keep a file of Action Committee material, papers, and maps at the City Hall for convenient reference.

## Concrete Completes Dust Oiling Program

The Town of Concrete, accepting the cooperation of the Skagit county oiling crew, managed to get ahead of the rain in their dust oiling of the unpaved streets and alleys in town. Most of the traveled alleys in the community were included in this year's program.

## COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Town Council will be held Monday evening, August 3rd, at City Hall at 7:30.



Ladder Falls at Newhalem is one of the showplaces of the valley, either day or night. The falls are illuminated with colored lights after dark and are now open every evening for visitors.